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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a private citizen who has been concerned about the need for, availability and affordability of high speed broadband. High speed internet service is critical to daily life--so much of our information we need to conduct our daily lives, transactions and communications with commercial and government services require our having internet service. Consequently, the internet is heavily congested, leaving those of us with slower connection speeds at a severe disadvantage. Now that fiber lines are being deployed in our neighborhoods I am so pleased that we now have a means to interact with internet services easily. And, at this point, we have choices to make among competitors, ensuring the price for fiber service is competitive. Competition among broadband providers needs to continue. This is why I urge you not to pass the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association. Should the petition pass, independent carriers will not have the right to serve us, their customers, on copper lines and independent carriers will not be able to use fiber to connect their networks.

I respectfully urge you to oppose this unfair petition and vote against its passage.

Thank you,

Vivian Pisano